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§ 30.244 How will the judge decide my petition for reopening?

- (a) If the judge finds that proper grounds are not shown, the judge will issue an order denying the petition for reopening and giving the reasons for the denial. An order denying reopening must include a notice stating that interested parties who are adversely affected have a right to appeal the order to the Board within 30 days of the date on which the order was mailed, and giving the Board's address. Copies of the judge's decision must be mailed to the petitioner, the agencies, and those persons whose rights would be affected.
- (b) If the petition appears to show merit, the judge must cause copies of the petition and all papers filed by the petitioner to be served on those persons whose interest in the estate might be affected if the petition is granted. They may respond to the petition by filing answers, cross-petitions, or briefs. The filings must be made within the time periods set by the judge.

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§ 30.245 What happens if the judge reopens the case?

On reopening, the judge may affirm, modify, or vacate the former decision.

(a) The final order on reopening must include a notice stating that interested parties who are adversely affected have

a right to appeal the final order to the Board within 30 days of the date on which the order was mailed, and giving the Board's address.

- (b) Copies of the judge's decision on reopening must be mailed to the petitioner and to all persons who received copies of the petition.
- (c) By order directed to the agency, the judge may suspend further distribution of the estate or income during the reopening proceedings.
- (d) The judge must file the record made on a reopening petition with the designated LTRO and must furnish a duplicate record to the affected agencies.

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§30.246 When will the decision on reopening become final?

The decision on reopening will become final on the expiration of the 30 days allowed for the filing of a notice of appeal, as provided in this part.

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Subpart K—Miscellaneous Provisions

§ 30.250 When does the anti-lapse provision apply?

(a) The following table illustrates how the anti-lapse provision applies.

If	And	Then
A testator devises trust property to any of his or her grandparents or to the lineal descendant of a grandparent.		The lineal descendants take the right, title, or interest given by the will per stirpes.

(b) For purposes of this section, relationship by adoption is equivalent to relationship by blood.

§ 30.251 What happens if an heir or devisee participates in the killing of the decedent?

Any person who knowingly participates, either as a principal or as an accessory before the fact, in the willful and unlawful killing of the decedent may not take, directly or indirectly, any inheritance or devise under the decedent's will. This person will be treat-

ed as if he or she had predeceased the decedent.

§ 30.252 May a judge allow fees for attorneys representing interested parties?

- (a) Except for attorneys representing creditors, the judge may allow fees for attorneys representing interested parties.
- (1) At the discretion of the judge, these fees may be charged against the interests of the party represented or as a cost of administration.